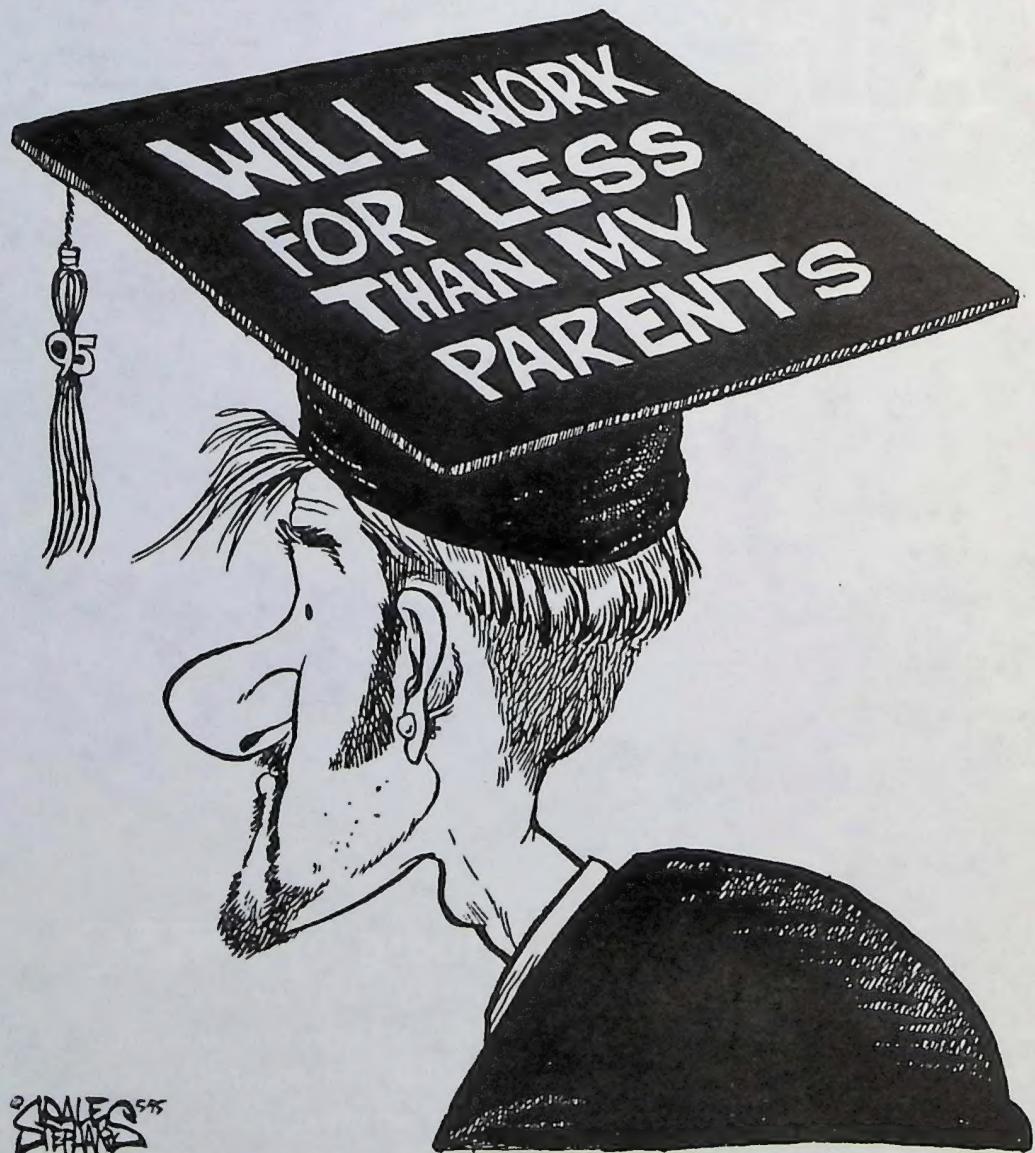


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by Mike Chrisman

(It's June, so here we go with Mike Chrisman's renowned annual commencement speech, suitable for framing.)

Congratulations, graduates!!!

That's right...congratulations, because it's time once again to get up on the old high horse and deliver a ton of shiny, happy platitudes about your day, your life, your chance to make the world safe for multinational corporations.

Just for the sake of argument, let's say you're graduating for the first time. You may need some background on what you're getting yourself into. Although it's late in June, there's probably still time to fail your senior year; that way you won't have to graduate for another twelve months. As we explore the world of graduation, you may see why this is a good idea.

First off, the word "graduate" comes from the Latin *gradus*, meaning "degree," "step," "grade." From this simple language lesson we learn that every graduate will 1) pick up his or her *degree*; 2) step fearfully into an insanely competitive world; 3) fall painfully down a steep *grade*, finally crashing into an enormous crowd of people clustered at the bottom, waiting for the unemployment office to open.

If you heed the following simple advice, you will avoid many of the pitfalls that destroy your less-fortunate classmates. Basically, the only thing you need to know is what your *values* are. The word "values" comes from the French *valoir*, meaning "to value." "Values" are the things that are *most important* to you. For some, this might be working with the underprivileged. For others, it could be watching *The Brady Bunch*. And how do you discover this crucial information? Easy. Through Values Clarification — an ancient science currently taught at all major universities. Here's how Values Clarification works:

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Or suppose you enjoy two things equally — *Tracking the Flow of Money* and *Working in the Great Outdoors*. What could be more fulfilling than a lifetime emptying parking meters? See how easy finding a job can be when you understand values?

Let's continue with our examples, for those of you who want to explore other fields. If, for instance, your life's theme has been *Travel*, then it's only natural that you'd be happy as a clam in one of the bays down at Chet's Tire Barn.

Or maybe you're passionate about *Health Care* — a most newsworthy topic these days. You're *really* in luck, because all across America, hospital kitchens are *desperate* for part-time kitchen help. On the other hand, if *Education* is your thing, thousands of needy school districts are crying out for cafeteria workers. As the smart graduate will soon recognize, *Health Care* and *Education* are closely-related fields.

Then there are *The Arts*, with their power to elevate, amuse, enlighten, inspire. Each year thousands of young people expect their lives to be uplifted in this noble arena. Unfortunately, there are *no* jobs in *The Arts*.

I hope this overview of the working world will help you graduates as you swim blindly through the piranha-infested rivers of American commerce. And if you only remember one thing from this commencement speech, remember this: over 98% of all Americans hold only *one* job their entire lives. *Make sure you get it right!*

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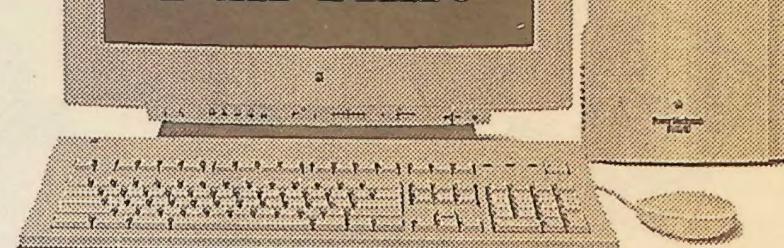
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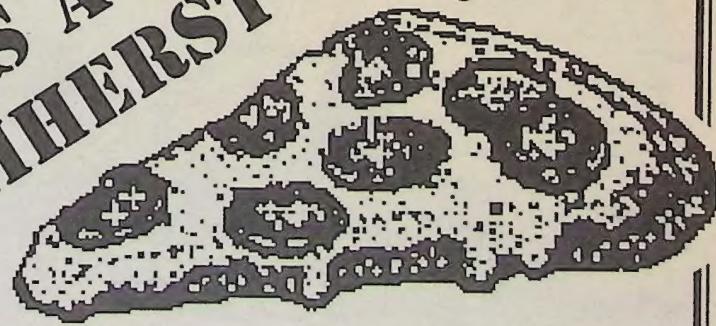
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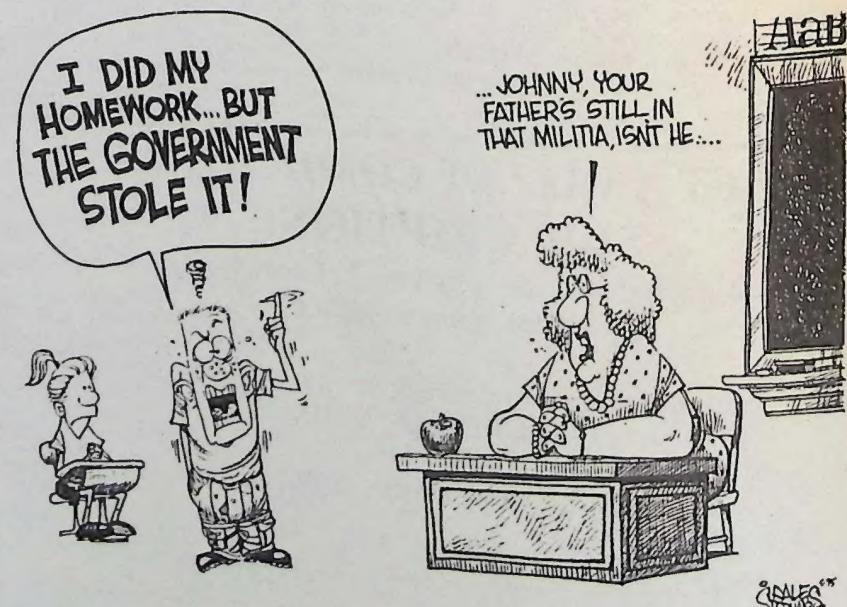
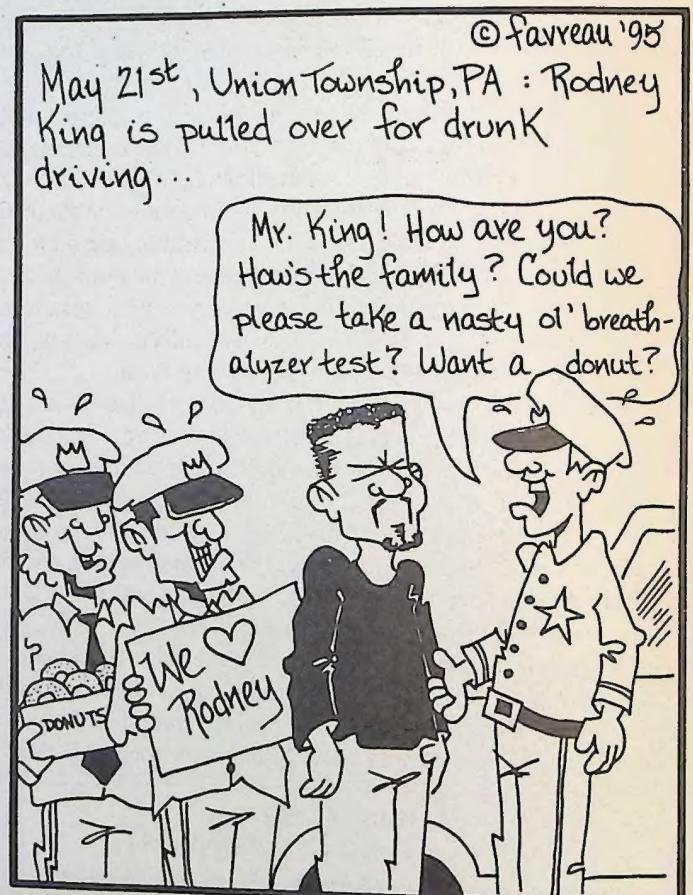
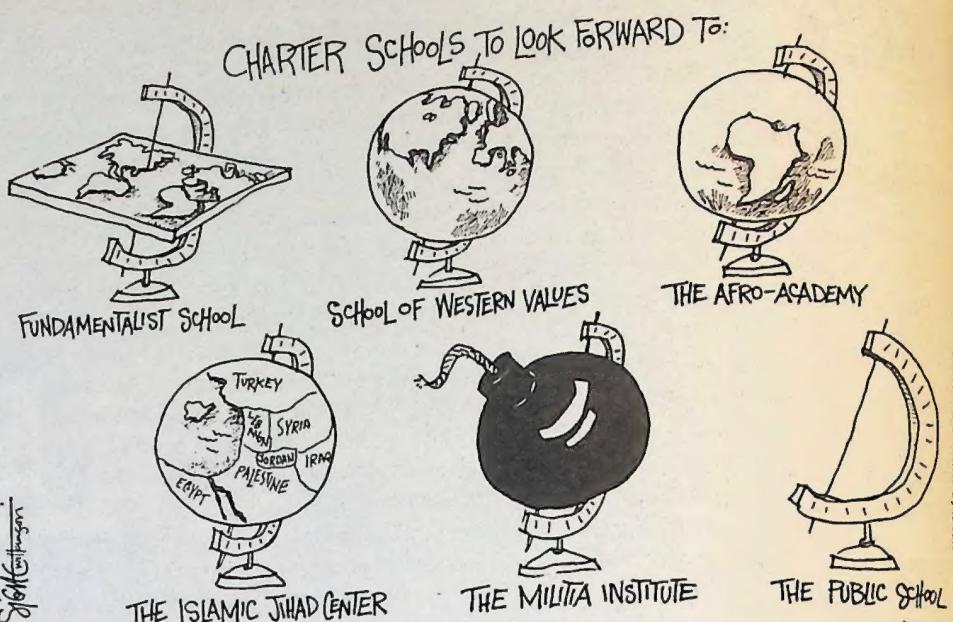
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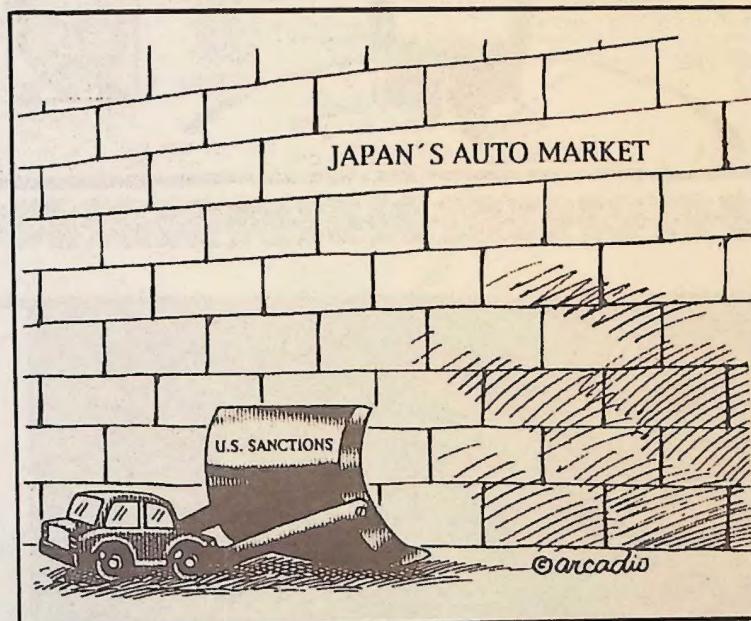
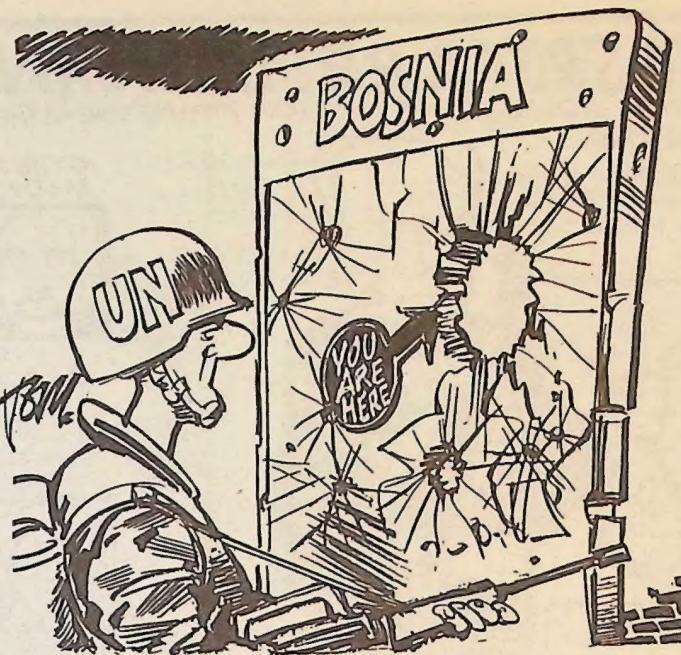
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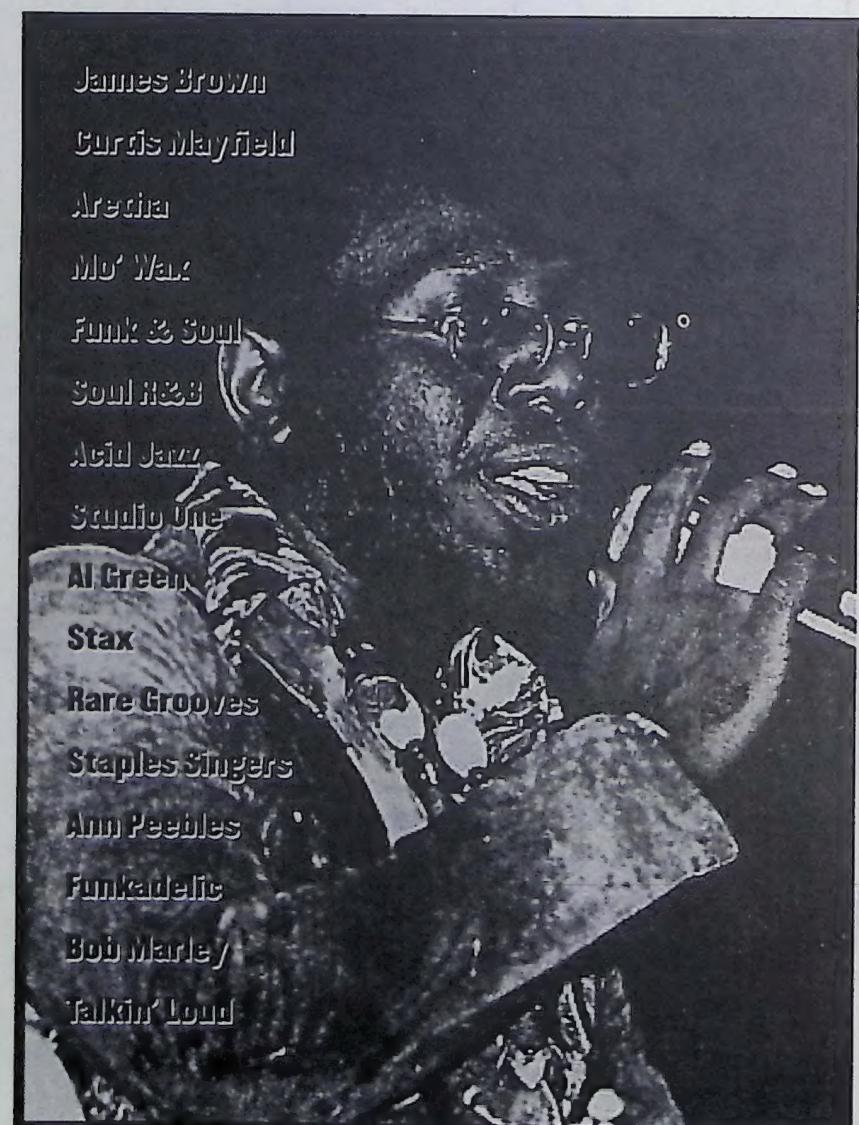
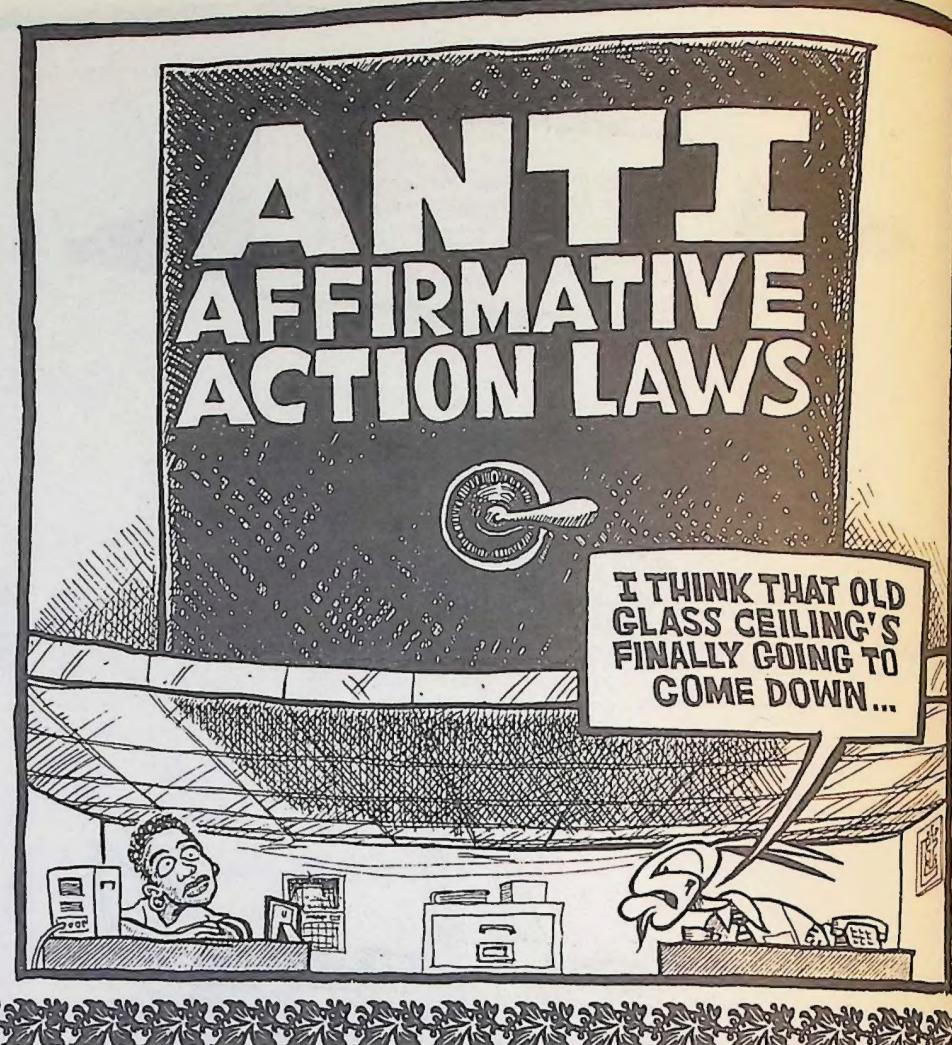
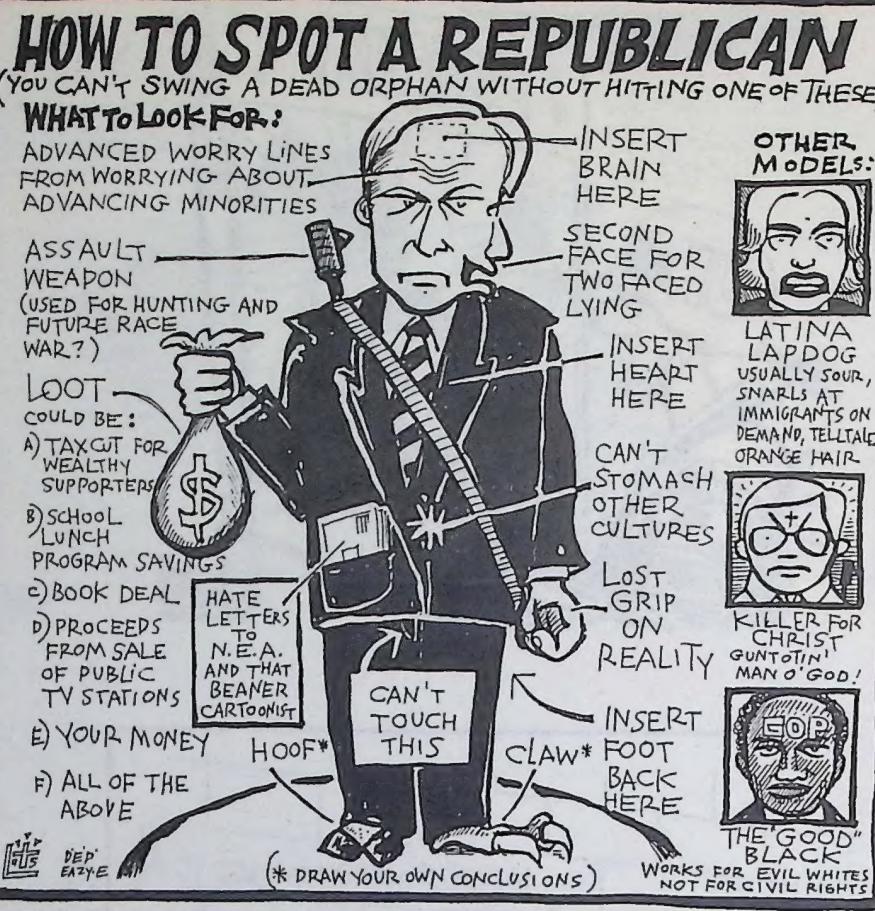


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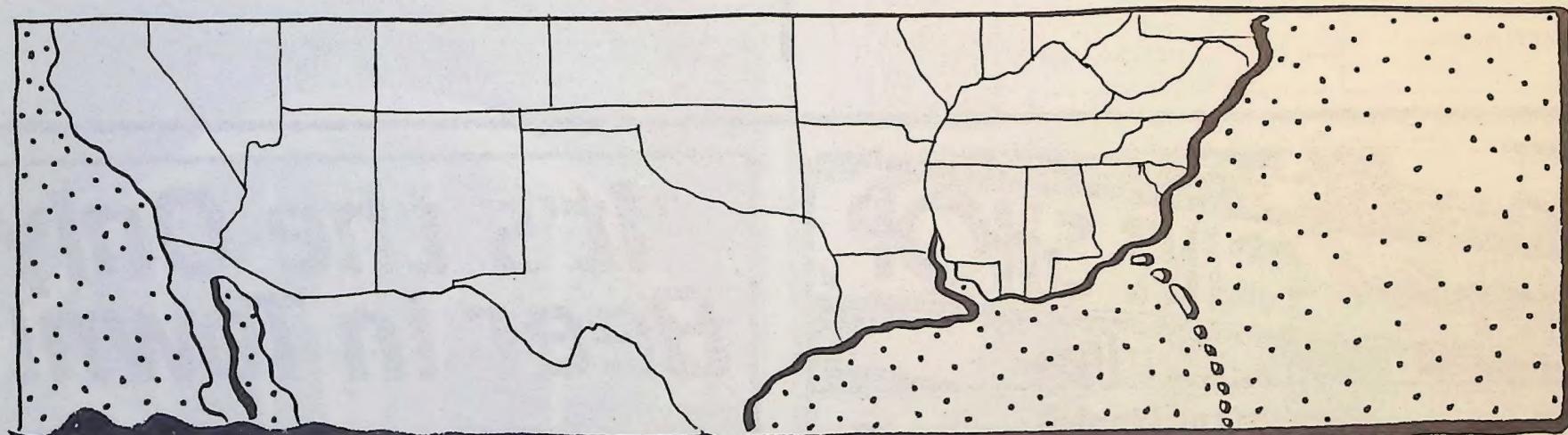
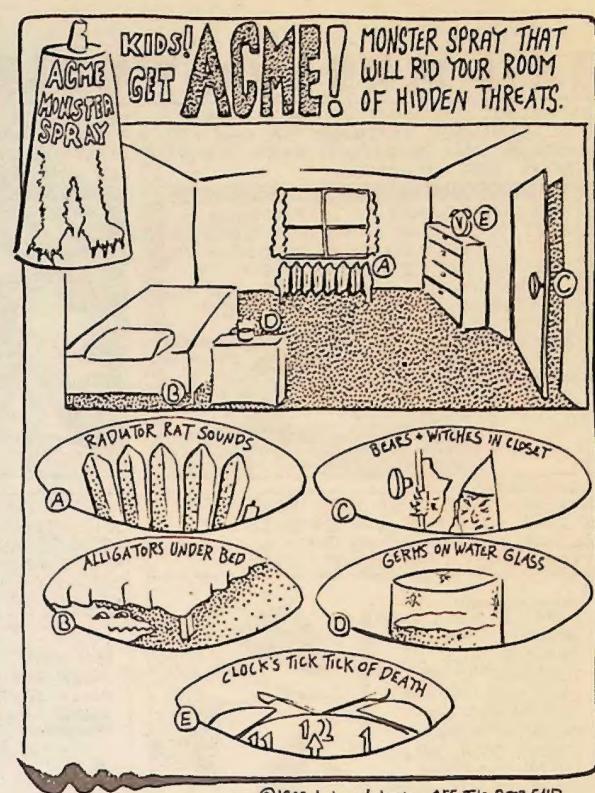
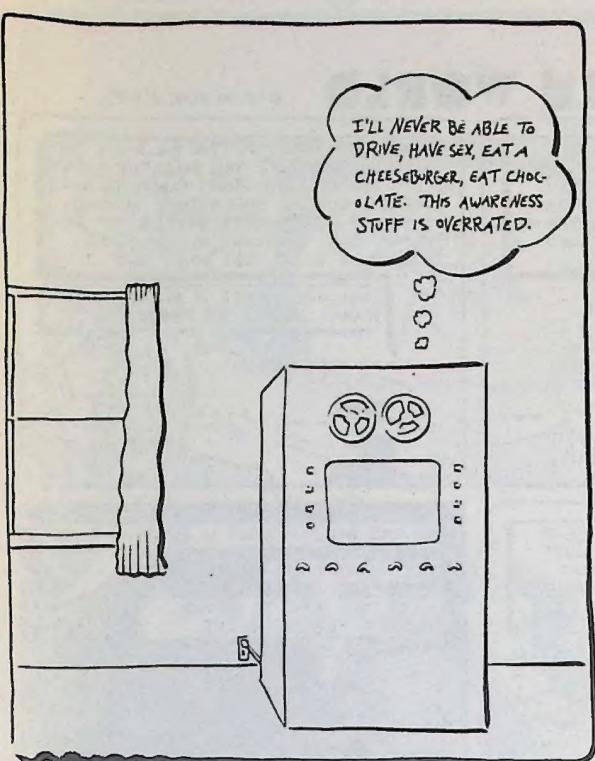
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THIS MODERN WORLD

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ON MACNEIL-LEHRER RECENTLY, A CITIZEN'S MILITIA MEMBER EXPLAINED THE SORT OF GOVERNMENTAL OPPRESSION WHICH INSPIRED HIM TO TAKE UP ARMS...

"UM...THERE'S COUNTLESS EXAMPLES...UH... SOME OF THESE, UH, ITEMS ARE--REQUIRING THAT ON OUR HIGHWAYS WE ONLY DRIVE 55 MILES AN HOUR! I READ NOTHING IN THE CONSTITUTION THAT SAYS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN TELL ME HOW FAST I CAN DRIVE MY AUTOMOBILE!"

NOR WOULD WE DENY THAT THERE EXISTS A LONG HISTORY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OVERSTEPPING THEIR AUTHORITY, FROM COINTELPRO TO, YES, WACO...

--BUT IT DOES SEEM UNLIKELY THAT SUCH ABUSES WILL BE ERADICATED BECAUSE A BUNCH OF HEAVILY ARMED GUYS NAMED "BUBBA" SPEND THEIR WEEKENDS RUNNING AROUND THE WOODS IN CAMO FATIGUES...

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Y'SEE--IF I DON'T STOCKPILE GUNS-- THEN THE GUV'MINT WILL TAKE MY GUNS AWAY!
BUT THEY CAIN'T DO THAT--LONG AS I GOT PLENTY OF GUNS!
Y'SEE?

THIS MODERN WORLD

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IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME...YOU REPUBLICANS SEEM TO FLAUNT YOUR HYPOCRISY AND INCONSISTENCY! YOU ARGUE THAT HOLLYWOOD MOVIES & RAP MUSIC AFFECT THE MORAL FIBER OF AMERICA, BUT THAT HATE TALK RADIO HAS NO IMPACT WHATSOEVER...

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WELL, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE, PEN-GUIN! YOU SEE, WE REPUBLICANS...

SPARKY, WILL YOU HOLD IT DOWN IN THERE?
ZZZZ--WHA--OH...

WELL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT--IT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT...

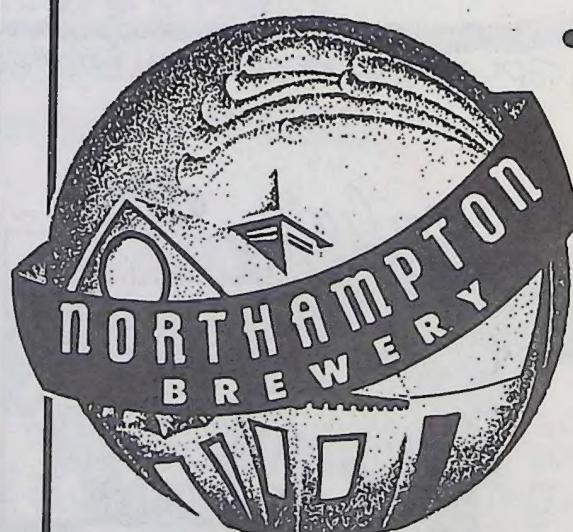
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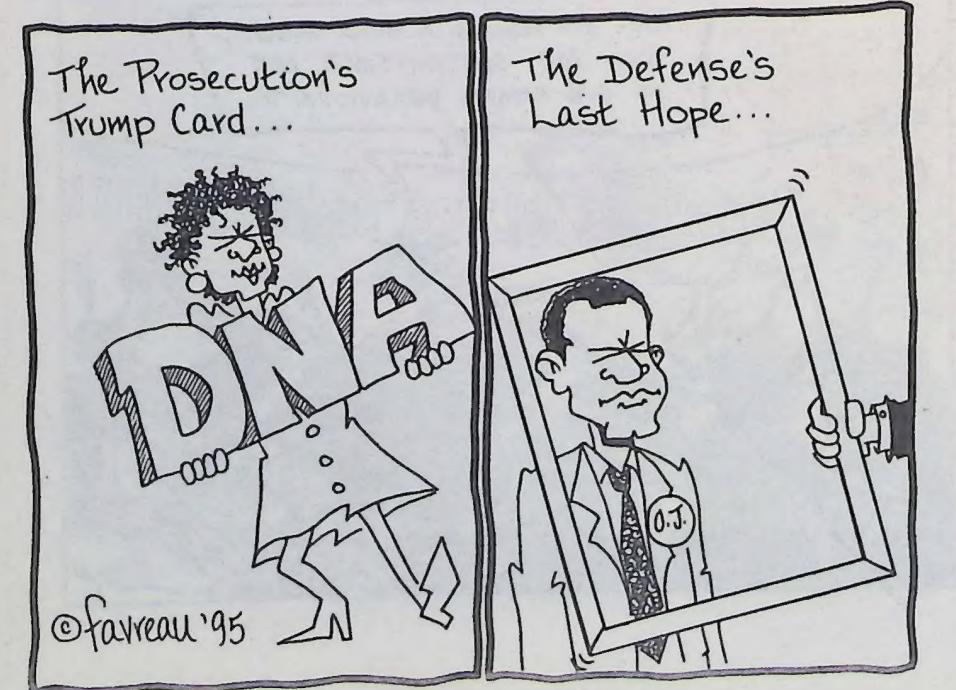
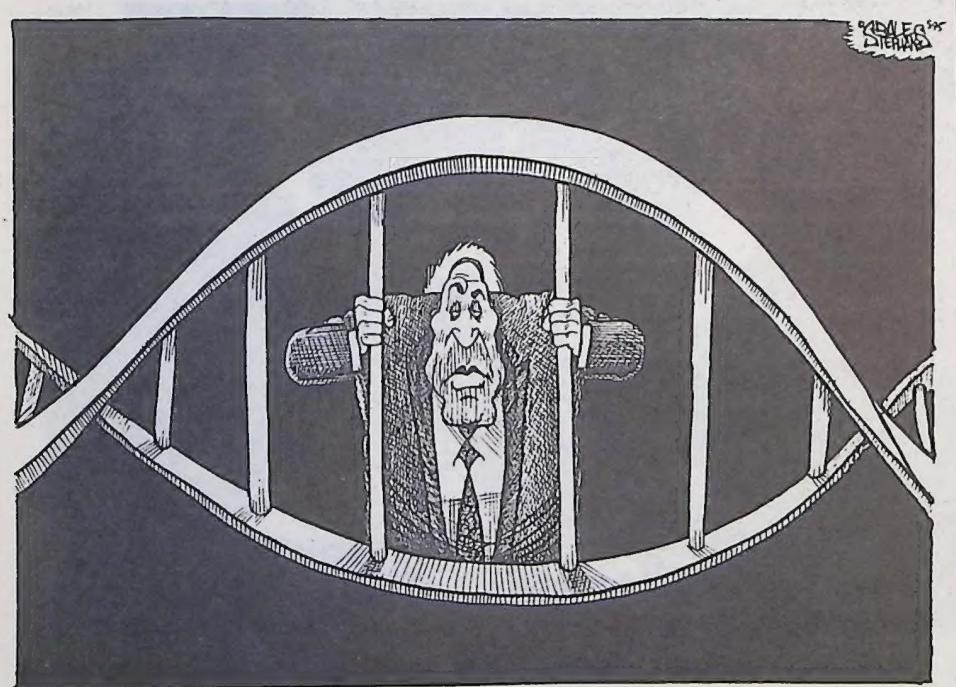


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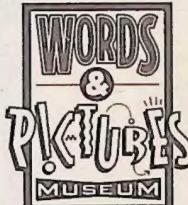
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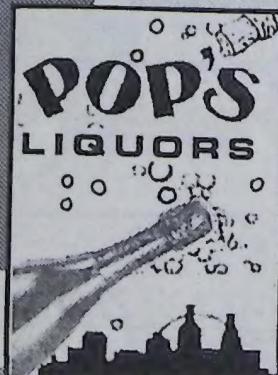
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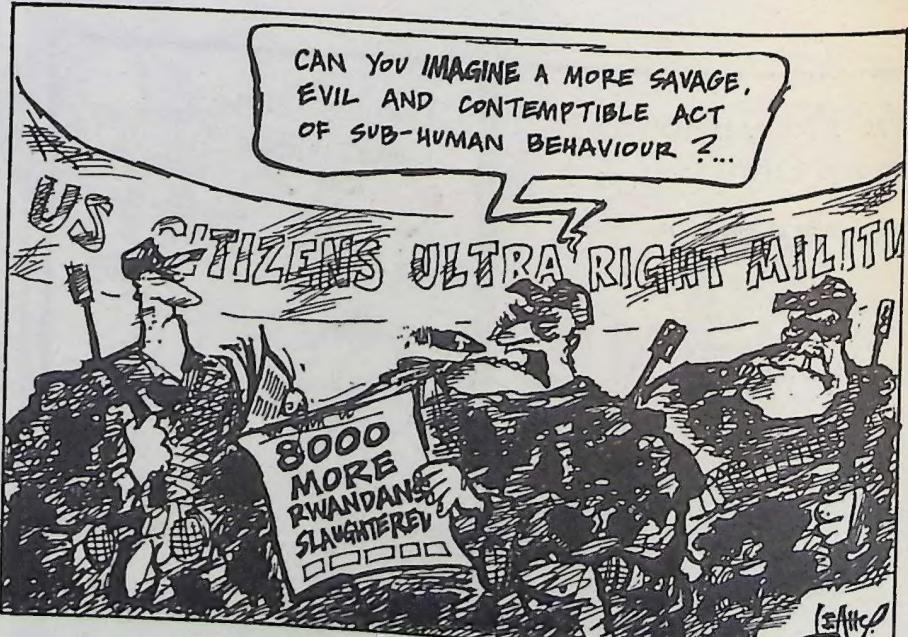
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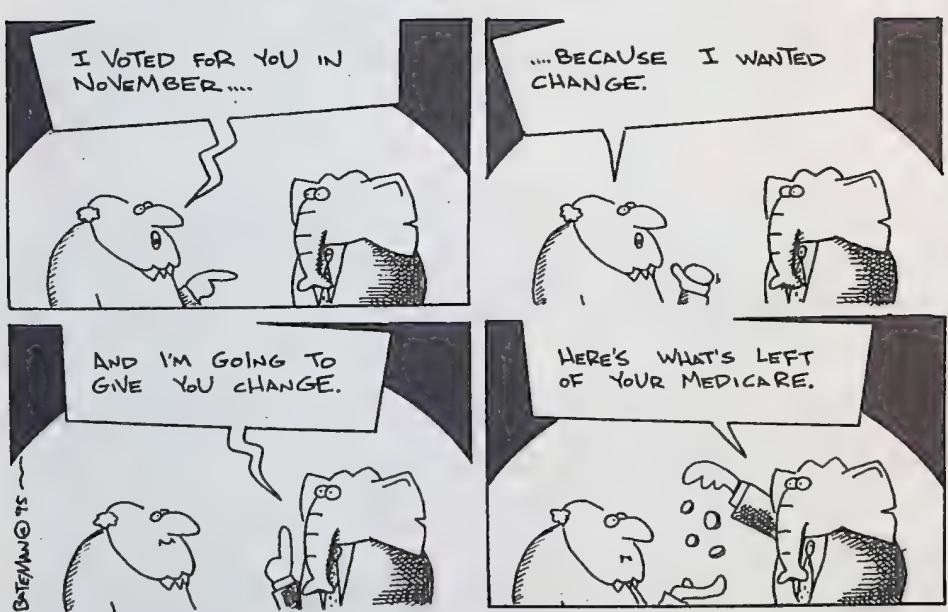
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Pearl Street: Doom Nation, Only Living Witness, plus Retro night, w/ DJ Dennis **Seven O's:** Flipside Peking **Garden/Humorworks:** live comedy **Bay State Hotel:** Jaya the Cat, Free Weed **Jasper's Topsid:** D.J. Movin' Mike **Fire & Water:** John Alan, Matterbabies, N.U.D.E. **Katina's:** K-Funk All Stars **Green River Cafe:** Quetzal Pothole Pictures (**Shel. Falls:**) Black Orpheus

SAT TEN

Katina's: Selectrocution **Bay State Hotel:** Soup, Big Fish Ensemble **Pearl Street:** all ages matinee (1 pm), Texas Flood (Stevie Ray Vaughn Tribute) 9 pm, plus Top 40 dance party w/ DJ Dave **Peking Garden/Humorworks:** live comedy **Green River Cafe:** Julia Burrough **Seven O's:** Flipside **Pothole Pictures (Shel. Falls):** Black Orpheus **Fire & Water:** Michael Batura, Lyn Hardy & Diane Sanabria **Space-Crime Continuum Bookstore:** Toni L.P. Kelner talk

SUN ELEVEN

Seven O's: open mic, w/ host Mark Snow **Fire & Water:** Pangea **Green River Cafe:** Contrapunctus Northampton Brewery: Mother Holly, Amanda's Dirty Secret

MON TWELVE

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights (free!) **Fire & Water:** Open stage (7pm)

TUE THIRTEEN

Hadley Pub: open mic **Pearl Street:** Government Mule (w/ Warren Haynes from The Allman Brothers), Synesthesia **Northampton Brewery:** Open mic, w/ host Tommy Byrnes

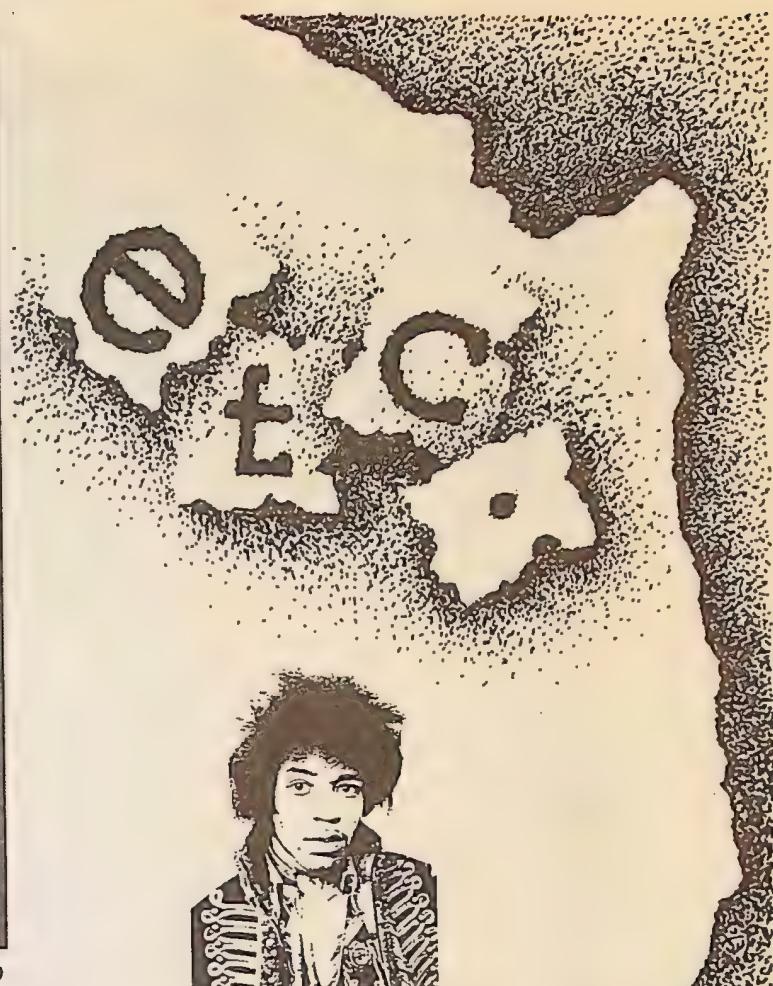
WED FOURTEEN

Bay State Hotel: Bay State electric open (no cover!) featuring Flat Humbert (ex-Nag, Nag, Nag) **Pearl Street:** Gay Night — dancing to music by Spin, Inc. **Fire & Water:** Video Politique (6pm), Word on Wednesday — open poetry (7pm), Steve Crow (9pm) **Katina's:** Blues Jam w/ Mark Nomad **Mt. Holyoke College:** "A Night of Illusions" magic show (Chapin Auditorium) **Northampton Brewery:** Chairman, Scud Mt. Boys **Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum:** Libana





Maceo Parker at Pearl Street



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**THU
FIFTEEN**

Pearl Street: Dag, Elephant, plus 18+ dance party, w/ Nick Danger **Bay State Hotel:** Mother Holly, 50 Paces, Grunk
Katina's: Selectrocution **Fire & Water:** Robby Roiter, John Compton

**FRI
SIXTEEN**

Katina's: K-Funk All Stars **Bay State Hotel:** Angry Johnny & The Killbillies, w/ special guest Skiploader **Green River Cafe:** leticia **Fire & Water:** John Stevens, Wes Brown & Friends **Seven O's:** Sundown **Jasper's Topsid:** Swift Kicks **Peking Garden/Humorworks:** live comedy **Pearl Street:** Jewel, Linée Peroncel, plus Retro night w/ DJ Dennis

**SAT
SEVENTEEN**

Fire & Water: Lisa McCormick, D. Davis & The Seems **Katina's:** Selectrocution **Seven O's:** Sundown **Bay State Hotel:** New Radiant Storm King, Bender Pike **Pearl Street:** yeP!, w/ Tom Constanten, plus Top 40 Dance Party w/ DJ Dave **Peking Garden/Humorworks:** live comedy **Green River Cafe:** Pierce Campbell & Douglas Klegg

**SUN
EIGHTEEN**

Seven O's: Open mic w/ Mark Snow **Fire & Water:** Interplay Jazz Trio, Jazzotree **Northampton Brewery:** Meristem, Dieselmeat **Northampton Center for the Arts:** reception, Doug Deihl & John Simpson opening

**MON
NINETEEN**

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights (free!) **Fire & Water:** Open stage (7pm), Russell Brooks (9:30pm) **Pearl Street:** Snap Case

**TUE
TWENTY**

Hadley Pub: open mic **Bay State Hotel:** Magic Hour, Ghost, Architectural Metaphor **Northampton Brewery:** open mic, w/ host Hal Benoit

**WED
TWENTYONE**

Katina's: Blues Jam, w/ Mark Nomad **Bay State Hotel:** Bay State electric open (no cover) **Pearl Street:** Gay Night, w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Fire & Water:** Video Politique (6pm), Word on Wednesday — open poetry (7pm), Ron Freshley Quartet (10pm) **Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum:** Wholesale Klezmer Band

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

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Earthquakes

 A very powerful offshore quake and resulting tsunami in the Indonesian state of East Timor killed at least eight people and left scores of others injured. Most of the damage and fatalities were near the capital of Dili.

In northern Greece, an earthquake wrecked about 1,000 homes, causing at least \$86 million in damage in the Kozani farming region. The midday quake resulted in no casualties but injured 25 people.

One of the world's most powerful temblors this year rocked New Caledonia from an epicenter deep beneath the South Pacific. Quakes were also felt in southern Bolivia, the central coast of Chile, Taiwan, Japan's Kanto region, northern Pakistan and Northern California.

Heartland Storms

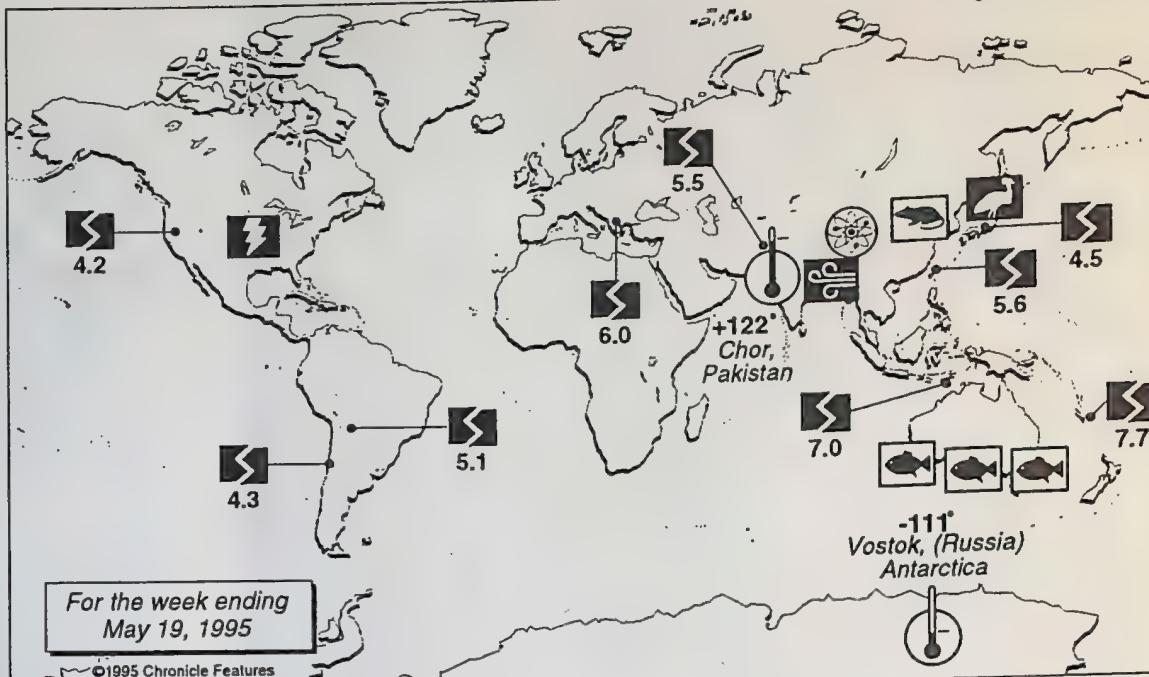
 Relentless storms which have pounded the U.S. took a more northerly course, allowing record flooding to recede in Louisiana, but raking parts of the Midwest with tornadoes, floods and hailstorms. Twisters that ripped through many parts of Kansas and Indiana, damaged homes, farms and cars, and toppled long stretches of utility poles.

Seemingly endless waves of rain have turned the fields in the fertile Great Plains to mud, preventing farmers from conducting cultivation that should have been done weeks ago. The optimum date for corn planting has passed in many areas.

Regular rains combined with a deep snowpack in the Rockies threaten to bring spring flooding in eastern Colorado to historic levels.

Still Testing

 China, the only nation not observing the global moratorium on nuclear testing, conducted an underground nuclear explosion beneath its Lop Nor desert. The blast registered a mag-



nitude of 6.1, according to worldwide seismic monitoring. China is expected to explode four more hydrogen bombs by the end of 1996.

Extinction

 Pure-blooded Japanese crested ibises are now fated to extinction after five eggs laid in April by the last known female remained unfertilized. The state environment agency believes that "Kin" is now about 28 years old—too old to reproduce. The crested ibis once flourished in Japan, Korea and China, but rapidly disappeared during the late 19th century because of hunting and depletion of its natural habitat.

Fish Plague

 Masses of dead Pacific sardines are washing up on Australia's southern coastline as a result of what experts say is likely a virus or tropical disease. The fish plague is feared to have killed billions of pilchards along

2,000 miles of coast from Perth to Sydney. It is the most severe fish kill in the nation's history.

Killing Heat

 Another week of intense heat in the western half of India and Pakistan killed at least 15 more people and is responsible for a sharp increase in communicable diseases. The chairman of the Pakistan Homeopathic Foundation, F.J.H. Shah, said the high temperatures, combined with unhygienic conditions, have caused an outbreak of diarrhea, chicken pox and fever among the population, especially the elderly. A sudden demand for electric fans and air conditioning in India has resulted in a string of massive power failures.

Monsoon

 The heat wave and drought in the eastern half of the Indian subcontinent was broken by a monsoonal storm which unleashed flash floods that killed

well over 100 people and devastated crops and property. Hardest hit areas were India's Orissa and southern Andhra Pradesh states, and the coast of Bangladesh. The huge storm swept more than 40 Bangladesh islanders into the Bay of Bengal and flattened 10,000 shanty homes.

Mega Rat

 Two Chinese soldiers captured a huge rat-like creature weighing eight pounds, with "paws like a cat and a tail as thick as a man's thumb," the Xinhua news agency reported. Members of the Beijing paramilitary armed police found the toothy rodent while on patrol in their barracks on the outskirts of the capital. Police asked experts to identify the 24-inch-long animal before they decide its fate.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

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Drought

 The most severe dry spell to hit northern Mexico in more than 50 years has killed 200,000 head of cattle and severely depleted water supplies. The drought was estimated to have caused more than \$72 million in damage to the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas. Officials in the neighboring U.S. state of Texas rejected a plea by the Mexican government to make water available from the Rio Grande River region.

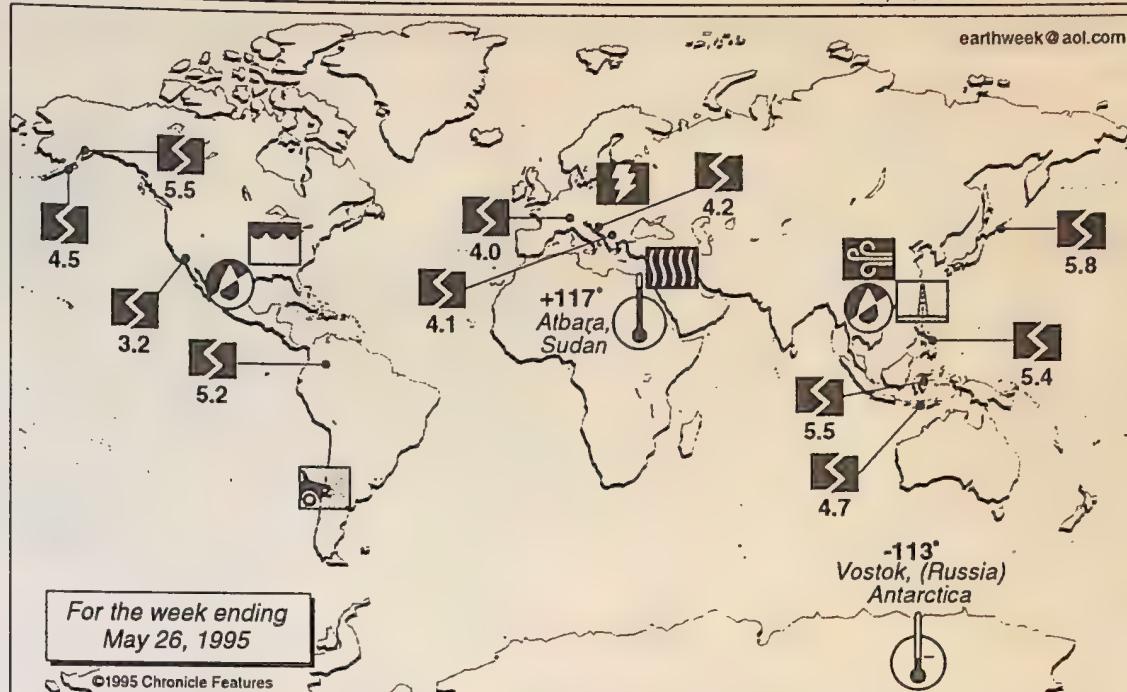
A severe drought affecting parts of China's Guangdong province is seriously damaging sugarcane, peanuts and other cash crops, the official *China Daily* reported. Rainfall has been less than 20 percent of normal during the past two months in the worst-affected areas.

Spring Floods

 Another week of seemingly endless waves of torrential rains and severe thunderstorms kept floodwaters high over parts of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Several agricultural levees around St. Louis collapsed, flooding farmlands but lowering the Mississippi from its highest levels since the devastating 1993 inundations. At least two people have died from the flooding in Missouri. Illinois's governor asked President Clinton to declare two of his state's hardest-hit counties federal disaster areas.

Sandstorm

 A one-hour sandstorm that struck the north China regions of Ningxia Hui and Inner Mongolia killed 6,000 head of livestock and left 105,000 others missing. The storm also damaged about 5,000 acres of grain crops and hundreds of wind-driven generators, as well as leaving about 300 wells buried under sand. Local meteorologists blame the disaster on an extended drought.

**Earthquakes**

 A powerful tremor and numerous aftershocks struck the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, injuring at least 38 people and damaging more than 300 buildings. Indonesia's Flores Island was rocked by a quake that killed a child and wrecked 15 buildings in the Adonara district. In Alaska, a series of strong tremors shook Anchorage, but only minor injuries were reported.

Quakes were also felt in Japan's Hokkaido Island, Colombia, Slovenia, Switzerland, the eastern Philippines, Greece, the Alaska Peninsula and Southern California.

Heat Wave

 Record-breaking temperatures in Israel sparked brushfires and forced schools across the country to cancel outings. The oppressive heat, caused by a strong desert wind, kept many Israelis and Palestinians

indoors, seeking refuge in air-conditioned offices, homes and shopping centers. Jerusalem reached a record 112 degrees Fahrenheit.

Subsidence

 Illegal pumping of underground water reserves in Taiwan is causing about seven percent of the island to sink into the ocean, a government agency reported. The report said 400 square miles along the western shoreline and Taipei basin have been sinking into the Pacific at a rate of about nine feet during the past 14 years. Emergency funds of \$224 million were spent last year to build support structures along the coast, and to relocate numerous buildings, including schools.

Santiago Smog

 Facing a sharp increase in air pollution, Chile shut down 187 factories and ordered a quarter of a million cars to stay off Santiago's streets. Officials

also urged city residents to avoid exercising and cautioned the elderly and young not to go downtown, where air quality is poorest. The smog was made worse by a lack of rain and a temperature inversion.

Power Poaching

 A poacher electrocuting fish on a lake in central Poland fell into the water and suffered the same fate as his quarry, police in Wloclawek told reporters. The 24-year-old man was one of four who went fishing with a high-voltage line attached to a net, designed to stun and capture the fish. "For a while everything went according to the poachers' plan, and they had fish in their bags. But suddenly, one man holding the net tripped and fell into the water," the agency said. The other fishermen tried in vain to revive him, it added.

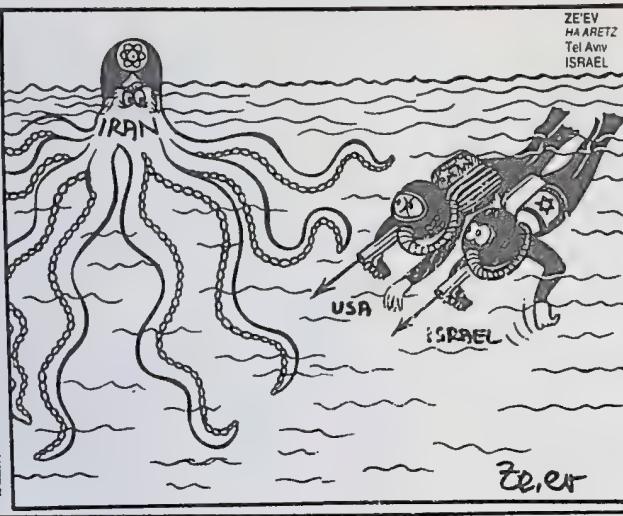
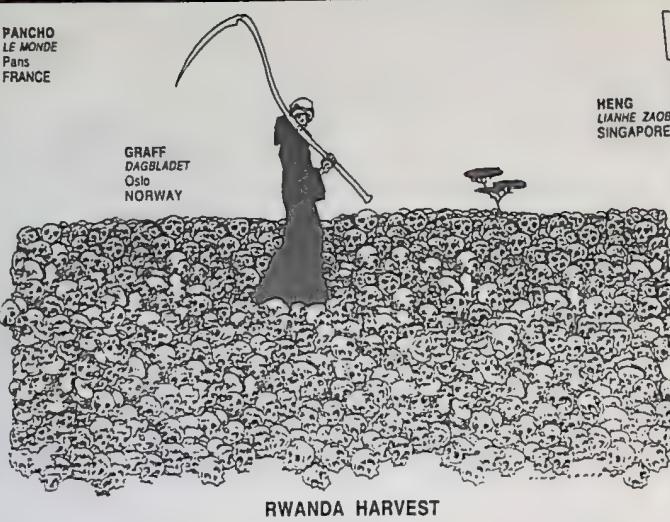
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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

by L.M. Boyd

Q. Is there such a thing as an ambidextrous baseball mitt?

A. Yes. The Japanese sell a six-fingered mitt that can be worn on either hand.

It is reported that 10 percent of South America's newly-cleared rain forest has gone into cocaine cultivation.

Some experts claim the thorough renovation of an old house generates more jobs than the building of a new one.

Movies about gunfighters suggest the young men were always quicker on the draw. But recently in England, timed tests showed middle-aged contestants tended to be a bit speedier than the younger fellows.

The word "Sunday" isn't in the Bible.

Psychologists claim that 40 percent of the women and 10 percent of the men who go to the beach go there to be watched.

Q. It's known that men go to the supermarket more frequently than women. How come?

A. More women than men make lists.

Q. What was the first word spoken on the moon?

A. "Okay." Buzz Aldrin said it as he shut down the lunar module's descent engine.

Remember, a light-year measures distance, not time.

There are an estimated 63 quadrillion different shots possible on a billiard table.

Researchers contend that only a relatively small proportion of people in the United States have ever actually seen a haystack.

In his memoirs, Casanova mentioned that he was impotent by age 40.

A pickpocket of lengthy experience says, "Never trust a grownup with an ice cream cone. Tipping ice cream on you is the pickpocket's favorite way to distract you."

Your thumbnail will grow about 1.6 inches in a year.

Experts say both Thomas A. Edison and Albert Einstein were dyslexic.

In late autumn every year, one Texas nudist camp posts this sign: "Clothed for the Winter."

An efficiency expert contends executives waste about three hours a week just looking for things.

Q. What's the most accurate measurement science has yet devised?

A. One second of time is measured thusly: "The duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of the radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of the cesium-133 atom."

That chronic viewer you and I call a "couch potato" is known in England as a "telly-belly."

The world's largest lake is five-and-a-half times the size of the second-largest lake. #1: the Caspian Sea; #2: Lake Superior.

If an octopus comes up from the deep too quickly, the pressure drop can turn it inside out.

Those who examine fossils say mosquitoes haven't changed in 40 million years.

There ought to be a monument at the corner of 74th Street and Central Park West in New York City. That was where driver Arthur Smith in 1889 ran over Henry Bliss, the first U.S. pedestrian killed by a car.

The first football shoes were baseball spikes.

Q. Why are those drain-repair people called "plumbers?"

A. From the Latin *plumbum*, meaning lead, the metal all those early pipes were made out of.

It's specifically against the law in Wichita, Kansas, for a father to brandish a gun in the presence of his daughters' boyfriend.

Left-handers are barred from the game of polo.

In noting directions, you and I say "northeast" or "southwest." The Japanese say the equivalent of "east-north" or "west-south."

Sharks don't kill as many people every year as barnyard pigs do.

You can't yawn while you sleep.

Food Listings:

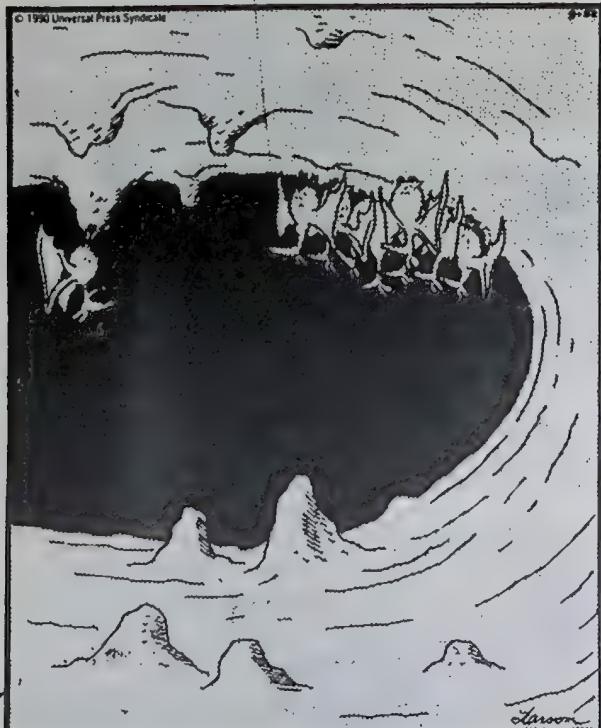
- Potatoes, Peaches, Plums, Cherries, Strawberries, Asparagus, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Eggplant, Lemons, Apples, Pecans, Raisins, Squash, Watermelon, Grapes, Cucumbers, Sweet Corn, Bananas, Oranges, Chilis, Sweet Corn, Barbecue, Oregano, Mushrooms, Dancing Friday & Saturday, Great Italian Food with a view, Andiamo! Ristorante, 584-7777, 143 Main St., Florence, MA.
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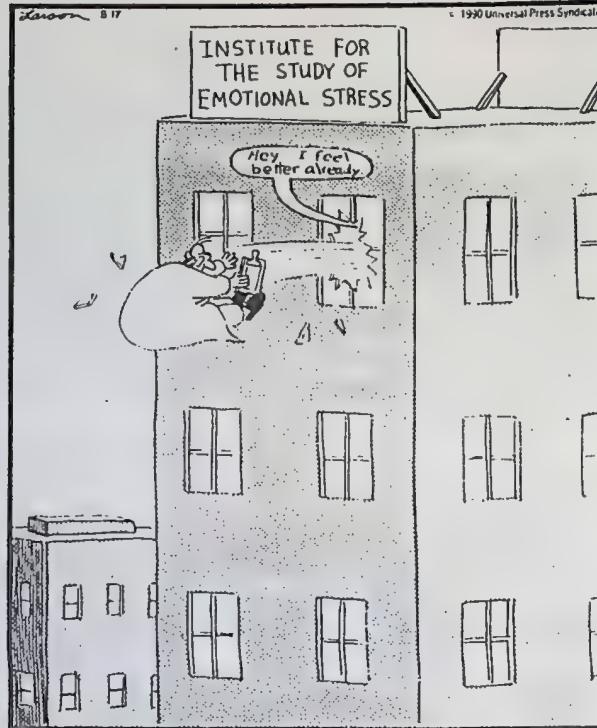
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THE FAR SIDE

by Gary Larson



"And, during my term, I'm looking forward to a kinder, gentler cave, with a thousand points of darkness showing us the way."



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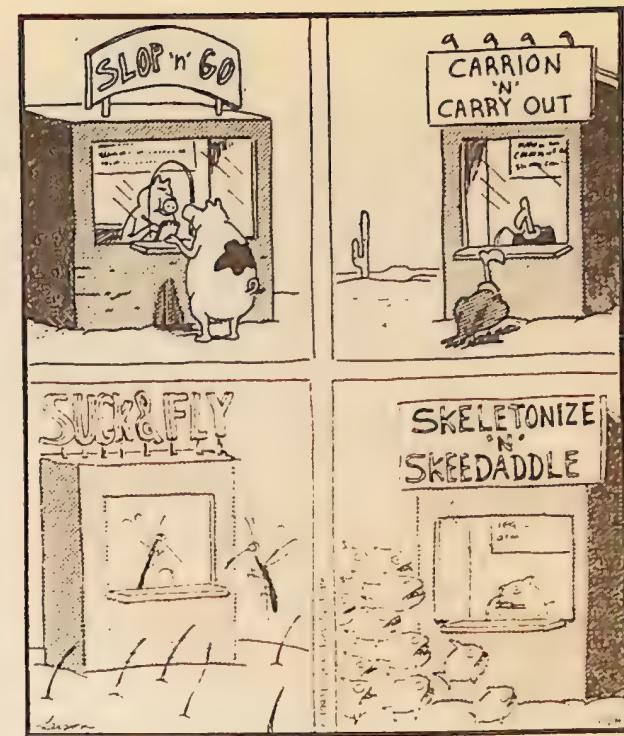
then take a break



Innocent and carefree, Stuart's left hand didn't know what the right was doing.



"That was fast! ... Gunther! The Diver Delivery guy is here."



Animal fast-food joints



And no one ever heard from the Anderson brothers again.



"Hey! What's the matter? ... There's only three of us here! C'mon! ... It's gonna be darrrrrk soon!"



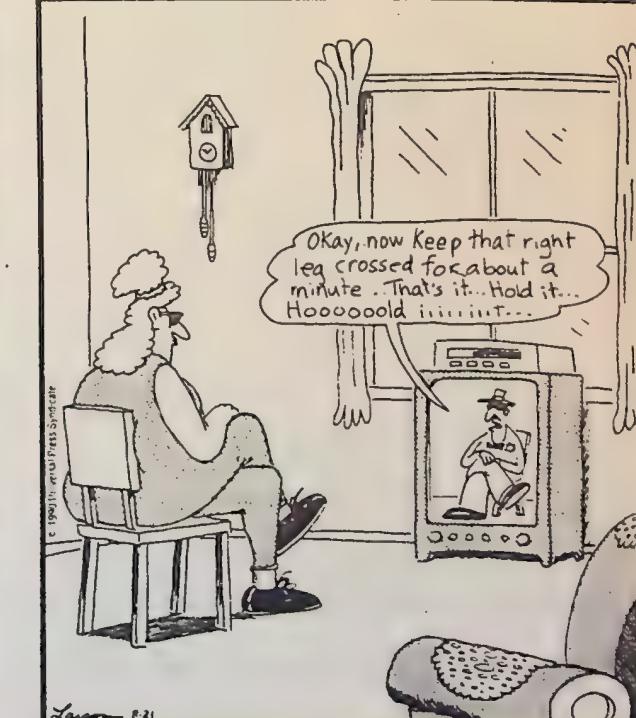
"Oh, wait, Doreen — don't sit there ... That chair's just not safe."



Hornet goody two-shoes



Charlie Parker's private hell



Leon Redbone's workout video

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by Roger & Salem Salloom

Dear Dale,

I know you just broke up with your sweetie. I'm sorry.

You're not alone.

I absolve you of whatever you did anyway.

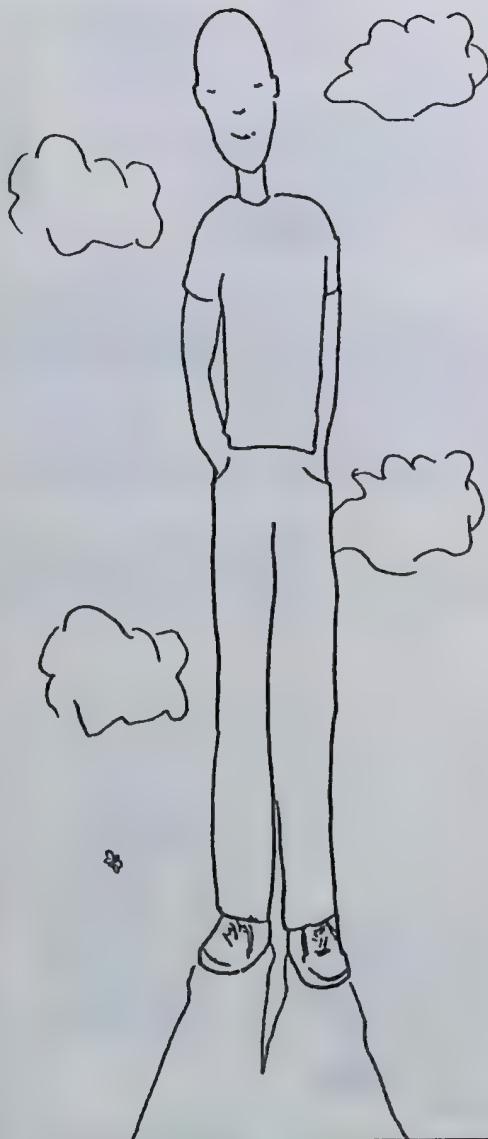
And you can absolve me of anything I've ruined.

OK? Now we're both innocent again.

"The truth will set you free but first it'll make you miserable."

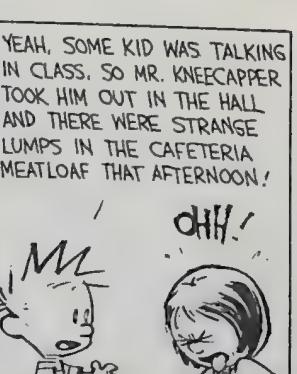
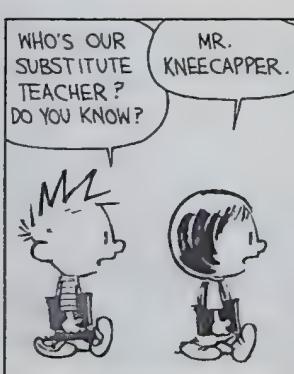
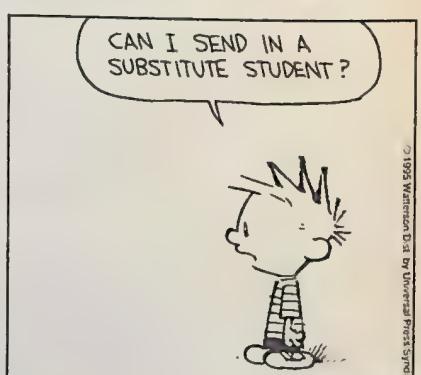
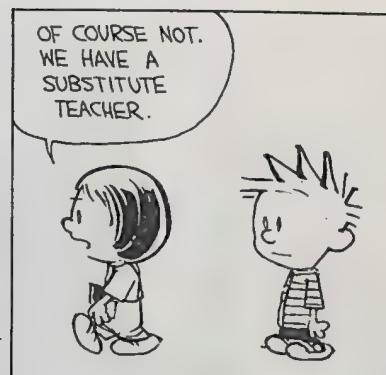
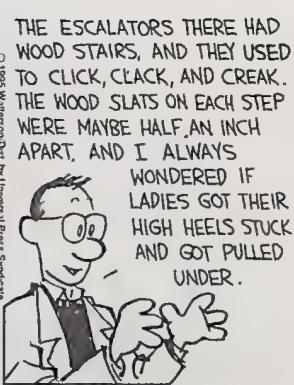
Lighten up pal, and
I'm not only a decent friend;
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2. THE FEELING OF SEAWEED WRAPPING AROUND MY LEG.



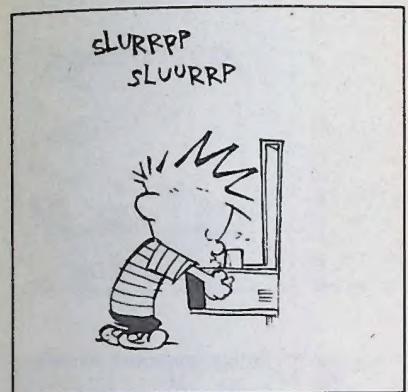
3. ANYTHING THAT WAS POPULAR IN THE '70S.
4. LICORICE, YAMS, OR RAISINS.
5. THAT HIGH-PITCHED SCREECH THAT BABIES MAKE.
6. WRITHING MAGGOTS.



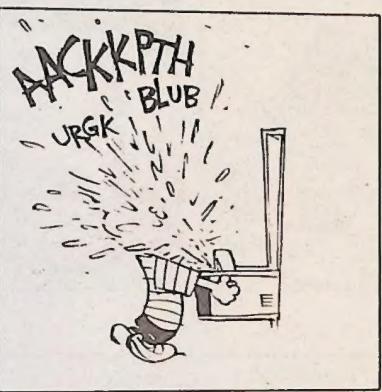
IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAINTIES IN LIFE.



LIFE IS FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.
FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS, I COULD STICK OUT MY THUMB, HITCH A RIDE, AND SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THE SERENGETI, MIGRATING WITH THE WILDEBEESTS!



SLURRRP
SLUURRP



ACKKPTH
BLUB!
URGK!



I'D BET ANYTHING THAT THE PRINCIPAL HAS A VALVE IN HIS OFFICE THAT CHANGES THE WATER PRESSURE.



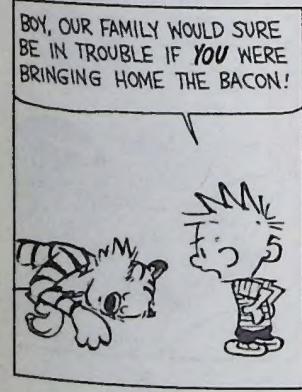
WHY ARE YOU DIGGING A HOLE?
I'M LOOKING FOR BURIED TREASURE!



WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?
A FEW DIRTY ROCKS, A WEIRD ROOT, AND SOME DISGUSTING GRUBS.



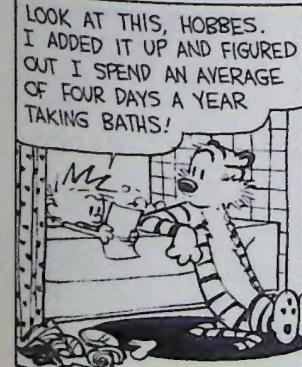
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